

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 201 - HB 195

February 27, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, when a general sessions court judge is appointed to serve as a city judge, the municipality to reimburse the county an amount equal to the compensation of the city judge as set by ordinance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to information provided by Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), there are currently 22 municipalities whose city judge also serves as the general sessions court judge.
- Compensation for the city judge is set by municipal ordinance. The compensation rate varies between \$7,500 per year and \$97,500 per year in 6 of the 22 municipalities impacted by this bill.
- If the impacted municipalities are not currently compensating these judges, this bill would result in an increase in municipal expenditures and an equal, corresponding decrease in county expenditures estimated to exceed \$7,000 statewide.
- Any impact to local government entities as a result of this bill will be a shift in local government expenditures from a municipality to a county and as such does not result in any significant fiscal impact to local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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